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Governor Bill Walker
STATE OF ALASKA

January 25, 2018

The Honorable Pete Kelly
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Kelly,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the definition of a commercial motor vehicle.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is responsible for the construction and maintenance of the state highway system. With respect to commercial motor vehicles, which use the state highway system, the Department is responsible for establishing weight, use, and size restrictions for vehicles, and for assuring implementation of federal statutes or regulations relating to commercial motor vehicles. In order to assure continued alignment with federal law, the bill would modify the existing definition of a commercial motor vehicle to be consistent with federal law. This bill would add provisions to address school buses and the type of covered farm vehicle not designated as a commercial vehicle. This would ease restrictions on persons who operate farm vehicles by freeing them to drive beyond the current limitation, a 150-mile boundary, and reduce use restrictions. In addition, a school bus used intrastate for the transport of public pre-elementary, elementary, and secondary school students to and from home and school would not be considered a commercial motor vehicle under this bill.

I urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor

Enclosure



THE STATE
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January 29, 2018

Honorable Bert Stedman
Alaska State Senate
Alaska State Capitol, Rm 30
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stedman,

I respectfully request that Senate Bill 163 be scheduled for consideration in the Senate Transportation Committee at your earliest convenience.

SB 163 proposes to align Alaska's current definition of commercial motor vehicle to federal law, adding provisions to address when farm vehicles and school buses are *not* considered commercial motor vehicles. This proposal would ease restrictions on persons who operate farm vehicles by freeing them to drive beyond the current, statutorily limited 150-mile boundary. Additionally, a school bus used intrastate for the transport of Alaska's school children to and from home and school would *not* be considered a commercial motor vehicle under this proposal.

Included with this hearing request is a copy of SB 163 and appropriate support materials. If you have any questions, please contact my staff, Mike Lesmann, at 465-4772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marc Luiken".

Marc Luiken
Commissioner

cc: Mike Lesmann, Legislative Liaison

Enclosures

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2018 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	SB 163
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(S) Publish Date:	1/26/2018

Identifier: DOT-MSCVE-1-25-18
 Title: DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR
 VEHICLES
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
 Appropriation: Administration and Support
 Allocation: Measurement Standards & Commercial Vehicle
 Enforcement
 OMB Component Number: 2332

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2019 Request	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Original version.

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Agency: <u>DOT&PF</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Analysis

This proposal recognizes that our current statutory definition of a farm vehicle and a school bus is more restrictive than federal law and not compatible with the Code of Federal Regulations. This proposal reduces the regulatory burden on farming and school bus operations in Alaska. It creates no fiscal impact to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.